



# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## FROM THE HELM



President:  
Jude Panetta

Summer is quickly approaching and that means hurricane season is coming. The fishing club article in the May Commentator deals with this topic but I wanted to remind everyone in the club directly to make sure you have your plan. It's better to figure out what to do now than wait for the first potential storm. There is lots of information available from insurance companies and boat lift manufacturers online. Come up with your own strategy and don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

Our next general meeting will be on May 11th at the PGICA auditorium. We will still follow the safety protocols we have established for COVID until instructed otherwise. I want to continue to remind members about our other regular events. The club meets at the Tiki Bar on Wednesdays from 5 PM until at least 6 PM. Also, club members meet for breakfast on Tuesday and Friday at Elena's. It is suggested that arrive at least by 6:45 AM. This breakfast is open to all club members. We are also planning our first post covid picnic for June. The targeted date is June 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

As I mentioned last month, we are wanting to resume our effort to help Crossroads Hope Academy with a fishing outing for the kids. If you have any interest in being a volunteer captain or first mate for this effort, please reach out to me and I will get you onto the team. I also mentioned that we are resuming our environmental committee. We have 9 members on the committee. If you would like to get engaged, also reach out to me. There are a lot of issues facing Charlotte Harbor. We just dealt with a red tide. Our club needs to stay aware of what is happening and what we might be able to do to help.

In the last few newsletters, I appealed to the club about the need for volunteer captains to take new members fishing as a part of the new member outreach. I have received a couple of volunteers but still need a few more to fill out the year. This is a great chance to help a new member learn the harbor and feel like a part of the club. It also gives our experienced members a chance to meet new people and it is a simple way to help out the club. Please email me or call me if you want to volunteer and let me know if you have a preference for a month.

My parting shot for the month is sort of traditional. Sometimes you really do find gold at the end of the rainbow.

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns.

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# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

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Our club currently has **171** members on Facebook. It is exclusively for members. It's a great place to share your catches and experiences with other members in the club.

If you have a Facebook account and want to join, just search for "PGI Fishing Club" in Facebook and select the join button. One of our Facebook administrators will get you added.

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## FISH OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

**JANUARY: SHEEPSHEAD**



**FEBRUARY: GROUPER**



**MARCH: SPANISH MACKEREL**



**APRIL: SNOOK**



**MAY: COBIA**



**JUNE: JACK CREVALLE**



**JULY: SHARK**



**AUGUST: TARPON**



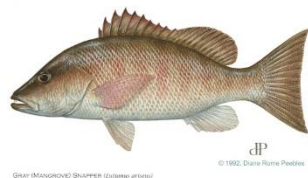
**SEPTEMBER: SEATROUT**



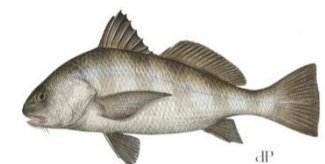
**OCTOBER: REDFISH**



**NOVEMBER: MANGROVE SNAPPER**



**DECEMBER: BLACK DRUM**



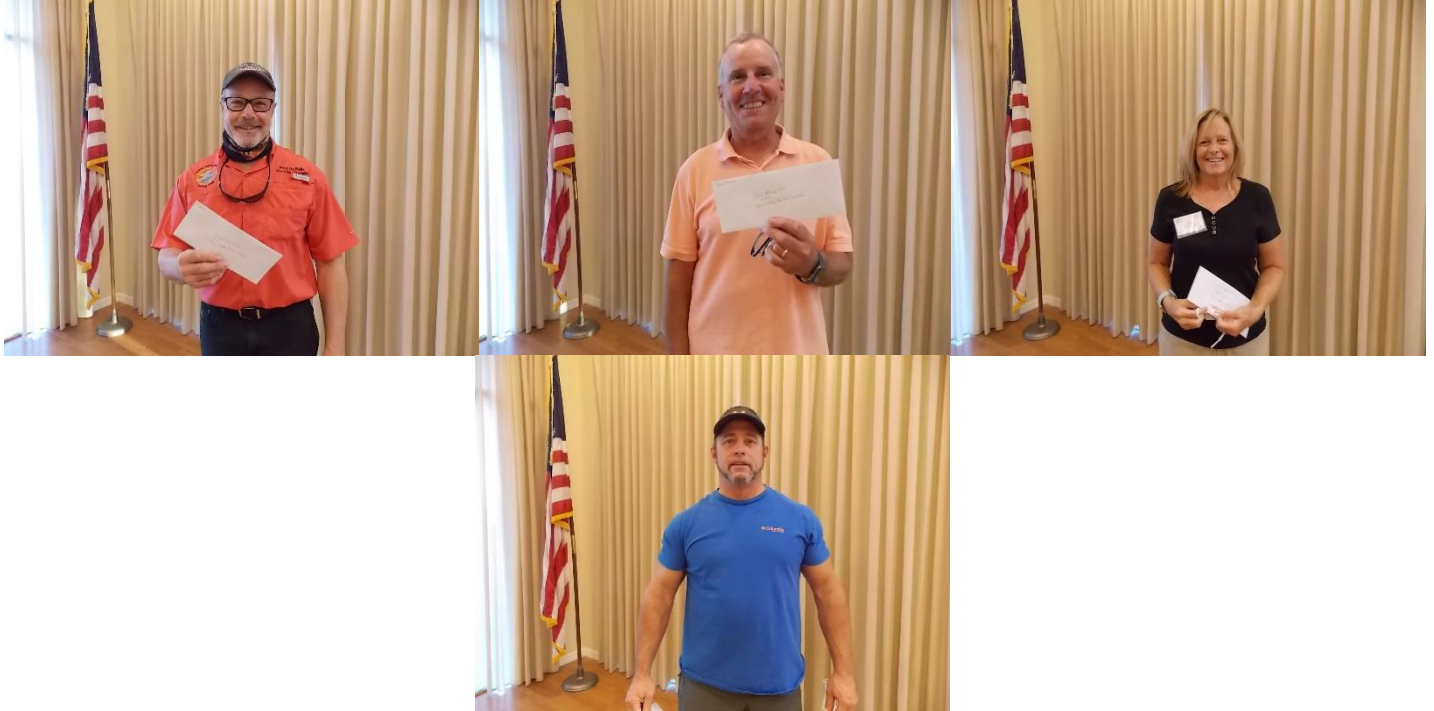
Fine Print: See "Fish of the Month Contest Rules" here:

<http://pgifishingclub.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Fish-of-the-Month-Contest-Rules-Rev-7-021220.pdf>

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## APRIL CLUB MEETING

### DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Starting at the top, from left to right are Fred DeMella (Name That Fish), Rick Brown, Cheryl Schreur, and Bart Rousa.

### 50/50 WINNERS



From left to right are Bob Bretts, Bonnie Verminski, and Bud Johnston.

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

## **APRIL CLUB MEETING**

### **GUEST SPEAKER**



Captain Brock Horner from Tarpon Coast Fishing Charters focused on how to catch Tarpon in the Harbor: how to find them via sight and electronics, techniques for landing and reviving, rod and reel recommendations, bait/lures of choice, and boating etiquette when fishing for Tarpon. He is a veteran and 8 generation Floridian specializing his charters on Tarpon. Thanks Brock!

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## APRIL CLUB MEETING

### LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Grand Master Angler Star (GMA Star) Rich Brennan with his 8<sup>th</sup> Star.  
Congratulations Rich!

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## RICHY'S FISHING REPORT

Vice President:  
Richy Kale



The wind blew heavy out of the southwest this morning of April 22, 2021, with taking 4 over the bow and only half way to the north hole. I said to Barry I hope they are still there. The 10-minute run took over 30 minutes this morning (love my Skeeter), for this was no normal Charlotte Harbor, as the Skeet nestled down in the far 1/3 of the hole we power poled down to slow our drift. Our only option was to pull dangles behind the boat, for it was too lumpy to stand and cast. Within 5 minutes we started to mark and at about the 7-minute mark the port rod buckled over hard and my partner was locked hard to a silver projectile, as the big tarpon did his best to free himself from his line with many long hard runs and head shaking jumps and the waves broke over the back of the boat, the tarpon was landed and released. We are back on our way home, all in under half an hour. You can watch the video entitled Tarpon kicked my bass (Youtube) on TarponWorld.com then click videos, this is only one of the wonderful things that happened in our harbor this April.

For as the first big tides of April come so do the spawning cownose rays and right on top of the rays are the cobia. An unexpected delight mixed right in with both those species were tripletail, big fat ones. It was 3 weeks of bliss, most out tarpon fishing in north or middle hole caught enough cobia to fill their freezers, Julie and I also did the same. As the rays finished spawning the cobia set up on the reefs and walls and the tripletail were gone.

The silver kings left the holes and have been in two pines for about 2 weeks now heavy. The only way I have been able to catch them has been on live threadies and they are hitting them good. We were 1 for 2 today and a big bull shark this second day of May.

The inshore fishing has just been out of sight, the trout, red and snook pics I have been getting are just great, keep it up ladies and gents!

Offshore has been a little hard to get to for that same southwest wind shut down most of the month but just give our offshore warriors a little crack in the weather and boy do they shine. Some of the names like Joe, Ron, Jeff, Rick, Bud, and Bob are getting very common. Great job offshore crew!

The inshore wrecks still have plenty of permit on them. Jim's got that dialed in. Great job Jim! I've caught some nice eating size snappers on greenies around the canal mouths. Try it you'll like it. Yum Yum.

I tried King Mackerel fishing with Bud and what a blast, you got to try that, easy fishing and fun.

So once again, it's getting late in the evening and Brandy needs walking. So, remember please, please, please go out and fish our wonderful and beautiful fish filled harbor. Remember it's easy, pull right when they pull left.

Tight Lines,  
Richy

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

## **FISHING EVENTS**

Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty



## **APRIL 2021 – PGI FISHING CLUB**

- ☐ **TARPON, RED GROUPER & SEATROUT WERE PRIME CATCHES**
- ☐ **A FEW COBIA AND SHARKS WERE THROWN INTO THE MIX**
- ☐ **46 FISH PIC SUBMITTALS FOR APRIL BY 24 ANGLERS**
- ☐ **FISH OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL WAS SNOOK**
- ☐ **5 ANGLERS SUBMITTED SNOOK PICS**
- ☐ **GRAND MASTER ANGLERS (GMA) STAR ADVANCES**
- ☐ **JEFF BARNHART EARNED HIS GMA, CONGRATS!**
- ☐ **ELAINE BRETT'S EARNED HER 5<sup>TH</sup> GMA STAR, WOW**
- ☐ **9 NEW STANDINGS IN THE MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT**
- ☐ **5 NEW ENTRIES IN THE ISLES TROPHY RACE**
- ☐ **RED TIDE IMPACTS IN THE HARBOR**

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

## **FISHING EVENTS**

Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty



## **APRIL 2021 – PGI FISHING CLUB**

### **LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**APRIL – NO ADVANCES IN ANY OF THE PIN CATEGORIES**

**2 ADVANCES IN GMA**

**JEFF BARNHART JOINS THE GMA GROUP**

**ELAINE BRETT'S EARNED GMA STAR #5**

**CONGRATS TO BOTH ELAINE AND JEFF**

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

## **FISHING EVENTS**

Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty



## **APRIL 2021 – FISH OF THE MONTH**

### **SNOOK**

**LADIES CATEGORY**

**DONNA SULLIVAN**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - CONGRATS**  
**\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE**

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> - A HAPPY DAY FOR DONNA**



# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty



## APRIL 2021 – FISH OF THE MONTH

**SNOOK**

**MEN'S CATEGORY**



**2<sup>ND</sup> FRED DE MELLA**  
**\$25 FOR FRED'S 30"**



**MARK STORM 1<sup>ST</sup> 31.5"**

**MARK  
EARNS  
\$25  
GIFT  
CERT**



**BUY  
MORE  
TACKLE  
NOW**



**DENNIS McKENNA**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
**\$25 FOR DENNIS'S**  
**23" SNOOK**

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

## **FISHING EVENTS**



Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty

## **MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT**

### **9 NEW ENTRIES IN APRIL**

**JOE UDWARI 39" AMBERJACK**

**CARL LEICHER 45" COBIA**  
**JAN HOLM 35" COBIA**

**KING MACKEREL – WIDE OPEN**

**RICH WILLINGMYRE 24" REDFISH**

**BOBBY BRETT'S 25" SEATROUT**  
**RICHY KALE 23" SEATROUT**  
**JACK HOWARTH 22" SEATROUT**

**DIANNE BUKOWSKI**  
**22.5" SHEEPSHEAD**

**JOANELL DYRSTAD**  
**21.5" SPANISH MACKEREL**

**THESE 9 ANGLERS JOIN THE RANKS OF THE 17 ANGLERS PLACING IN THE 2021 MAT  
EVERYONE KEEP ON CATCHING.....WHO'S UP FOR KING MACKEREL ???**

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## FISHING EVENTS

Events Director:  
Mike Dougherty



## MAY FISH OF THE MONTH



COBIA (*Rachycentron canadum*)

**COBIA – GO GET’EM – FOR MORE INFO  
CHECK OUT [www.fwccobiaspeciesstatus](http://www.fwccobiaspeciesstatus)**

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## STATISTICS & REPORTS

### The Month in Review (April)

Record Keeper:  
Paul Whiting



#### Tidbits

Tarpon, Red Grouper, and Seatrout were our prime catches this month with a few cobia and sharks thrown into the mix. Only 5 anglers reported catching snook, our fish of the Month. Elaine Bretts earned her 5<sup>th</sup> GMA Star and Jeff Barnhart his 1<sup>st</sup>. To date, 8 anglers have already earned their GMA Star for catching at least 2000 points this calendar year. Bobby Bretts leads the pack with 3200 points collected so far.

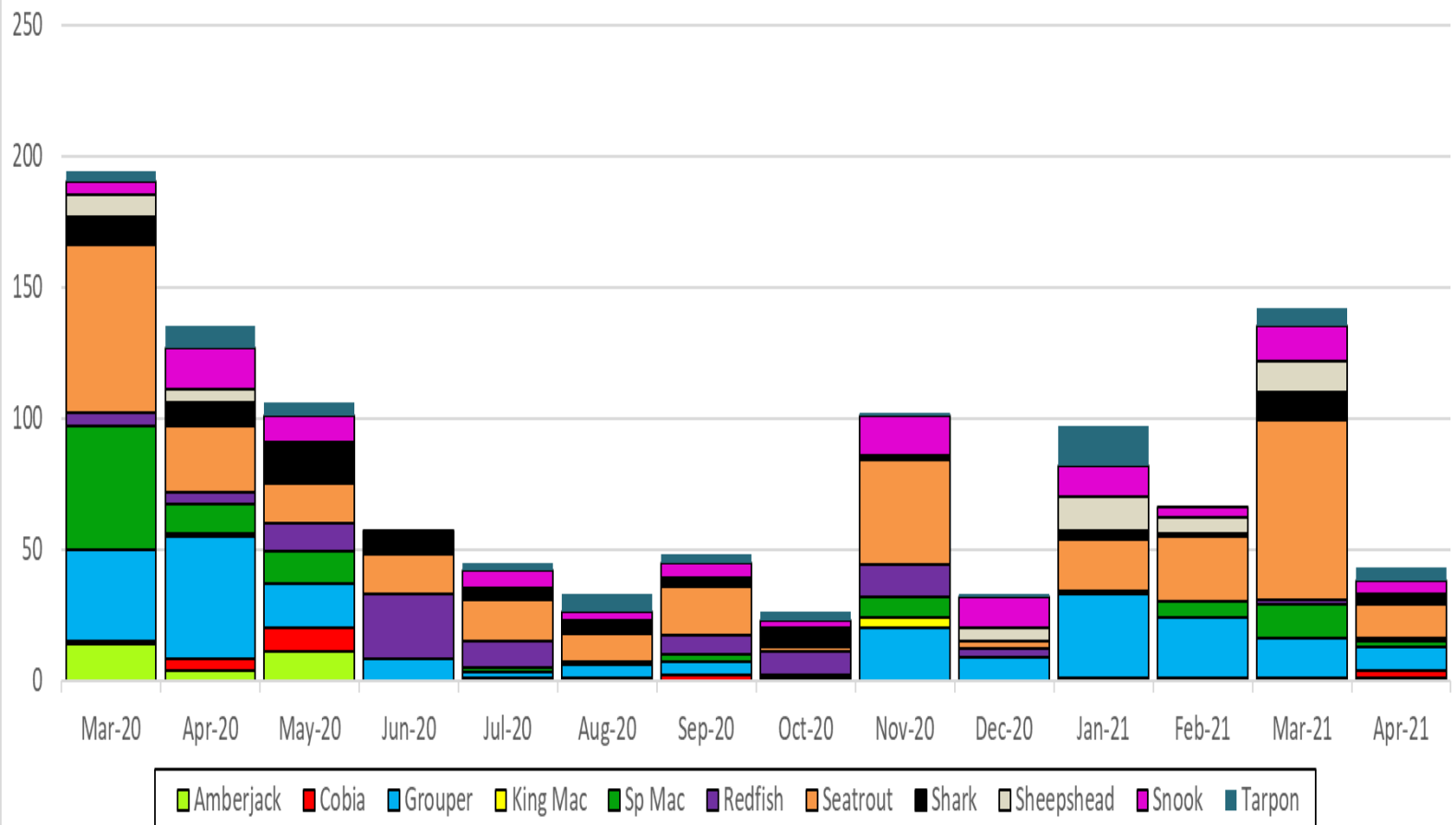
#### Recorder's Data

#### Monthly Performance

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	
<b>Anglers</b>	30	51	<b>24</b>	↓
<b>LOA Awards</b>	6	16	<b>2</b>	↓
<b>Fish Recorded</b>	73	155	<b>46</b>	↓
<b>Points Recorded</b>	7500	16,900	<b>6,400</b>	↓

#### 14 Month Catch History

(Number of Fish Recorded Each Month by Species)



# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## STATISTICS & REPORTS

### LADDER OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### 2021 STANDINGS (APRIL)

Record Keeper:  
Paul Whiting



BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	LIFETIME LEVEL I SNOOK	LIFETIME LEVEL II REDFISH	LIFETIME LEVEL III TARPON	GRAND MASTER ANGLER	
						GMA	TOTAL STARS
SherryBarrett	Paula Arnold	Gary Adams	Doug Arnold	Rick Brown	Frank Barrett	Jeff Barnhart	★
Trudi Baxter	Jeff Bellairs	Christine Fontaine	Mike Dougherty	Bill Guenther	Fred Benson	Ron Baxter	
Joanna Boeckl	Todd Brooks	Ken Garden	Doug Dufresne	Ken Hardesty	<b>Dick Conant</b>	Larry Benz	★
Marc Boeckl	Anne Careau	Bill Hess	Theresa FitzGerald	Julie Kale	Dave Dyke	Rich Brennan	★★★★★★★
Tori Brown	Yvette Du Fresne	Jan Holm	Jenny Goodell	Marty McCaffrey	Marv Dyrstad	Donnie Brennan	★
Colleen De Mella	Kathy desEnfants	Larry Kissner	Mary Heins	Rose Anne McCaffrey	John Fitzgerald	Bob Bretts	★★★★★
Tom desEnfants	Tony Destefano	Karen Lodge	Chuck Henry	Dennis McKenna	Carl Leicher	Elaine Bretts	★★★★★
Sharon Dyke	Tamara Dillman	Steve Trego	Jack Howarth	Diana McKenna	Bob Mays	Dianne Bukowski	★
Mike Endres	Joanell Dyrstad	Sheree Wolfinger	Tom Hunt	Gary Moerke	Bill Muir	Joe Bukowski	★★
Richard Farmer	Richard Embury		Jonathan Landon	John Saitta	Lynn Reeves	Jim Crawley	
Chris Gibbons	Gary Frost		Jim LaRocca	Allen Wade	Jack Spies	Fred De Mella	★
Frank Grazier	Art Goodell		Marie LaRocca	Rich Willingmyre	Mark Storm	Mark Dillman	
Renee Gibbons	Randy Hall		Mark Lee		Gretchen Sunderland	Dick Doster	
Tim Gibbons	Roz Hickey		Tom Lodge		Jeff Wilson	Randy Douet	★★★
Bob Giffin	Jack Hinnenthal		Sherry Moerke		Karen Udvari	Bob Garipey	★★
Sheryl Hatch	Larry Hofmeister		John Simonieg			John Gettinger	★★★
David Hatch	Lisa Kellythorne		Ed Verminski			Mike Gilger	★
Tom Hay	Denys LaChance		Paul Whiting			Tom Hickey	★
Dennis Jones	John McFarland		Ted Wierzbanski			Jim Hoffman	★
Fran Krausman	Mike Nalipi					Margie Hoffman	
Buddy Krauss	William Neff					Cathy Hunt	★
Richard Larson	Sonia Nelson					Bud Johnston	
Patricia Nalipi	Wayn Nelson					Cindi Johnston	
Chuck Pearson	Cheryl Panetta					Rich Kale	★★★★
Chris Pflaum	Nancy Pearson					Dennis Krausman	★★★★
Mark Schruer	Kim Pflaum					Kel Krotzer	★★★
Alan Schulman	Hezie Samons					Joe Maillet	
Jess Searle	Mike Sandling					Pete McGregor	★★
Miriam Taylor	Deb Sarkisian					Jude Panetta	★★
Patti Topper	Gary Skillicorn					Tom Parsons	★★
Greg Widney	Lynne Stockinger					Gary Reeves	
Joanne Widney	Don Taylor					Rick Sarkisian	★★★★
Tom Youngblood	Mike Wagner					John Stockinger	★
	Stella Wagner					Donna Sullivan	
	Sandy Wierzbanski					Ron Topper	★★★★★
						Joe Udvari	★★★★★★★
						Aaron Wagner	
						Mike White	★★★
						John Wolfinger	

RED = Awards This Month

Club Hats

#### PGI FISHING CLUB LADDER OF ANGLING ACHIEVEMENT

LEVEL	NUMBER OF SPECIES	SIZE LIMITS	POINTS NEEDED	AWARD
Initial Entry	1	None	None	Club Hat
Bronze	5	None	None	Pin
Silver	5	Eligible Size	300	Pin
Gold	7	Eligible Size	700	Pin
LifeTime Level I	9	Eligible Size	1000	Snook Pin
LifeTime Level II	13	Eligible Size	1400	Redfish Pin
LifeTime Level III	18	Eligible Size	1700	Tarpon Pin
Grand Master	23	Eligible Size	2000	Club Shirt
Grand Master Star	-	-	2000	Star

For complete Ladder of Angling Achievement Program rules, detailed information on eligible angler achievement species, and points earned based on length, please see the PGI Fishing Club Website ([www.pgifishingclub.org](http://www.pgifishingclub.org)) Ladder of angling achievement page.

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(BOLD star = earned this year)

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## STATISTICS & REPORTS

### ISLES TROPHY RACE 2021 STANDINGS (APRIL)

Record Keeper:  
Paul Whiting



#### MEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL CLUB RECORD	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2021 LENGTH in INCHES	DATE CAUGHT	% OF RECORD
X	Amberjack	Joe Udvari	53.5	2019	Joe Udvari	39.0	4/7/2021	72.9%
X	Cobia	Rich Kale	56.0	2020	Carl Leicher	45.0	4/7/2021	80.4%
X	Grouper	Tom Hamilton	39.0	2003	Jerry Peal	36.5	2/1/2021	93.6%
X	King Mackerel	John MacLeman	52.0	2012				0.0%
X	Redfish	Mike White	47.0	2020	Allen Wade	28.0	3/18/2021	59.6%
X	Seatrout	Rich Brennan Aaron Wagner	29.0 29.0	2009 2012	Bobby Bretts	25.0	4/1/2021	86.2%
X	Sheepshead	Vinnie Madsen	24.0	2016	Mike White	23.5	3/10/2021	97.9%
X	Snook	Vinnie Madsen	45.0	2014	Richy Kale	41	2/12/2021	91.1%
X	Spanish Mackerel	Carl Leicher	30.0	2012	Fred Benson	24.5	3/14/2021	81.7%

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION

OVERALL	SPECIES NAME	MEMBER NAME	RECORD	DATE CAUGHT	MEMBER NAME	2021	DATE	% OF
	Amberjack	Darlene Madsen	40.0	2017				0.0%
	Cobia	Joanne Landaker Marilyn McGregor	50.0 50.0	2008 2013	Jan Holm	35.0	4/13/2021	70.0%
	Grouper	Dianne Bukowski	37.0	2018	Cathy Hunt	33.0	2/10/2021	89.2%
	King Mackerel	Karen Lodge	38.0	2014				0.0%
	Redfish	Donnie Brennan Missy Becker	38.0 38.0	2008 2008				0.0%
	Seatrout	Joanne Landaker	26.5	2011	Elain Bretts	23.0	1/11/2021	86.8%
	Sheepshead	Darlene Madsen	22.0	2018	Dianne Bukowski	22.5	4/10/2021	102.3%
	Snook	Missy Becker	42.0	2013	Theresa FitzGerald	39.0	3/21/2021	92.9%
	Spanish Mackerel	Missy Becker Lynn Reeves	28.0 28.0	2007 2019	Joanell Drystad	21.5	3/24/2021	76.8%

This Year's LEADERS are in BLUE

★★ Denotes New Club Record  
New Entries This Month are in RED

#### Past Winners Isles Trophy Race

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rich Brennan Christine Jordan	Kel Krotzer Margie Hofman	Greg Chestnut Joanne Landaker	Jim Qurollo Rose Anne McCaffrey	Steve Landaker Missy Becker	Vinnie Madsen Margie Hoffman	Bob Mays Karen Lodge	Gary Reeves Rose Anne McCaffrey	Rich Kale Darlene Madsen	Joe Udvari Dianne Bukowski	Joe Udvari Lynn Reeves	Mike White Dianne Bukowski

#### MASTER ANGLER TOURNAMENT 2021 STANDINGS (APRIL)

	AMBERJACK	COBIA	GROUPE	KING MACKEREL	REDFISH	SEATRUT	SHEEPSHEAD	SNOOK	SPANISH MACKEREL
1st Place	Joe Udvari 39.0	Carl Leicher 45.0	Jerry Peal 36.5		Allen Wade 28.0	Bobby Bretts 25.0	Mike White 23.5	Rich Kale 41.0	Fred Benson 24.5
2nd Place	Ron Topper 34.5	Mike White 40.0	John Gettinger 36.0		Rich Willingmyre 24.0	Elaine Bretts 23.0 Rich Kale 23.0	Dianne Bukowski 22.5	Theresa FitzGerald 39.0	Mike Gilger 23.0
3rd Place		Jan Holm 35.0	Cathy Hunt 33.0 Dennis Krausman 33.0			Jack Howarth 22.0	Jack Hinnenthal 22.0	Bill Muir 38.0	Jonell Drystad 21.5 Ron Topper 21.5 Joe Udvari 21.5

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New this month are shown in Red

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

Membership Stats	
Total Households	Active Members
200	381

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership Director:  
Donna Sullivan



Let's all welcome our newest members:

- Paul and Patti Robinson from Spencerport NY

I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting. I will continue to hand out your new name tags, so please stop by to see me.

We are always looking to increase our membership, so please let me know if someone moves into your area. I'd be happy to stop by and welcome them and drop off a fishing club new member packet.

Have a great day and stay safe!

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Social Events Directors: Julie Kale,  
Cheryl Panetta, and Susan Brooks



Hi All,

So happy to let you know that we have a picnic planned for Saturday June 12. It will be held in the outdoor pavilion at the PGI Civic Association. More details will follow. We'll be selling tickets at the upcoming club meeting on Tuesday, May 11! Hope you can attend!

Also, our Christmas Party is Thursday, December 16 at The Isles Yacht Club with the return of George the DJ. For those of you who attended last year it was an "Awesome Evening", so happy to have such a beautiful venue, delicious food and a fabulous DJ!

More events will be coming soon. Please reserve the dates above. Wishing all "Moms" a very Happy Mother's Day. Hope to see you at Tiki and May's monthly meeting

Julie

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Cheryl Panetta 908-295-5844

Susan Brooks 704-905-7214

### CLUB CALENDAR

Tiki Hut: Every Wednesday at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm, for those wanting to join.

Breakfast: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 6:45am at Elena's.

Club Meeting: At PGICA every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. **Mask Required.**

**Picnic: At PGICA pavilion on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christmas Party: At Isles Yacht Club on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.**

# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## SUNSHINE LADY



Sunshine Lady:  
Paula Arnold



Hey everyone, I am the new "Sunshine Lady." Donnie Brennan has relinquished her duties to me.

If you or someone you are aware of in the club needs a card for any reason (birthday, sympathy, encouragement, congratulations, etc.) please let me know.

I can also provide a meal or a visit if someone is in need. Please call or email me.

Paula Arnold  
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## PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

# MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

One of the great things about our club are the members we have willing to take new members out for a day of fishing to help them learn our waters.

Below are members willing to take you out on their boats.

Chris Pflaum (Inshore/Offshore)

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Gary Burgess (Harbor Only)

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Gretchen Sunderland (Harbor Only; Especially, Beginner Women)

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Fred De Mella (Inshore/Offshore)

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### CONTACT THEM THROUGH EMAIL TO ARRANGE A TRIP

*If you want to take another member out on your boat, please send your contact information to [editor@pgifishingclub.org](mailto:editor@pgifishingclub.org)*

### CLUB LINKS

Club Website:	<a href="http://pgifishingclub.org">http://pgifishingclub.org</a>
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# PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 13, 2021**

Meeting Start time: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

March 2021 PGI Fishing Club General Meeting Minutes approved

68 members in attendance

Chris Pflaum will lead our club Environmental Committee – meetings will resume now that we have someone to lead the team

**Treasurer Report** - \$16,049.33 in the bank

**Social Update** – Julie and team are planning for a June picnic, details to follow

**Name that Fish Winner** – Fred DeMella - \$15 gift card for Rio Villa Bait and Tackle – African Pompano

**New Member Outreach Winner** – Paul Robinson hosted by Elaine and Bob Bretts

**Door Prize Winners** – 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Brown - Rio Villa Bait & Tackle \$75 GC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl Schreur - \$50 Bass Pro Shops GC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bart Rousa \$25 Rio Villa Bait and Tackle GC

**Guest Speaker – Captain Brock – Tarpon Coast Fishing Charters** – Focused on how to catch Tarpon in the Harbor: how to find them via sight and electronics, techniques for landing and reviving, rod and reel recommendations, bait/lures of choice, boating etiquette when fishing for Tarpon. He is a veteran and 8 generation Floridian specializing his charters on Tarpon

**FOM** – Spanish Mackerel – Women 1<sup>st</sup> place tie Jan Holm – 17.0", Donna Sullivan – 17.0", 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cathy Hunt – 12.0" – Men 1<sup>st</sup> – Fred Benson – 24.5", 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Gilger – 23.0", 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ron Topper – 22.5"

**LOA** - Club Hat: Steve Fritz, Charlie McIntyre, and Lenny Zimka; Silver Pin: Jack Hinnenthal; Gold Pin: Jack Howarth; Snook Pin: Theresa Fitzgerald, Jack Howarth, Jonathan Landon, Allen Wade, and Paul Whiting; Redfish Pin: Allen Wade; Tarpon Pin: Dick Conant; GMA Star: Rich Brennan – Star #8, Randy Douet – Star #3, Dennis Krausman – Star #3, and Mike White – Star #3

**50/50 Winners** – 1<sup>st</sup> – Bob Bretts \$65, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bonnie Verminski \$40, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bud Johnston \$25

Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm

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## PUNTA GORDA ISLES MARINE WATCH

### HELP US TO HELP YOU



#### What is Punta Gorda Isles Marine Watch ("PGI Marine Watch")?

PGI Marine Watch is a volunteer on-the-water and land surveillance program like no other in Southwest Florida. The program was founded over ten years ago by Bill Guenther, a PGI resident, when he identified a need for increased security in the canals because of the increasing number of homes being built and residents moving to Punta Gorda Isles. Our group works in conjunction with the Punta Gorda Police Department, as a watch and report program. We act as a deterrent to those individuals who may be considering the theft of a boat or other marine equipment, as well as illegal netting activity. Since its inception in 2009, the PGI Marine Watch has been an active part of reducing marine crime in Punta Gorda Isles.

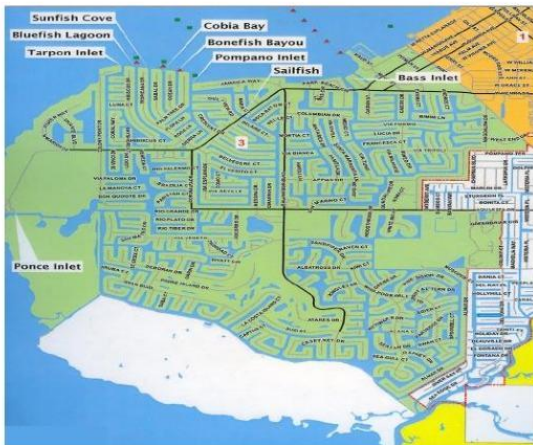


#### What do our members do?

The volunteer members of the PGI Marine Watch use their own boats to patrol once a month for a two hour period. Some of our members partner with another PGI Marine Watch member and complete their patrol together, alternating boats. Some of our members patrol with a friend or their spouse. The patrol dates are flexible to fit your schedule and once your patrol is complete you email your report for the program records.

#### What is required to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch?

The only requirement to volunteer with the PGI Marine Watch is a desire to help your community. The PGI Marine Watch program provides you with signage for your boat and works with you to determine which patrol area works best for you based upon where you reside. The preferred boat size is at least 19 feet in length due to the occasional rough waters in Charlotte Harbor, with either a T-top or bow rail to display the "PGI Marine Watch" sign. Our PGI Marine Watch volunteers also are authorized to receive a 5% fuel discount at Fisherman's Village Marine.



#### How can I join?

If you can volunteer two hours each month, then you may want to consider becoming a member of one of the most unique community volunteer groups in Southwest Florida. Contact us to receive more information and an application:

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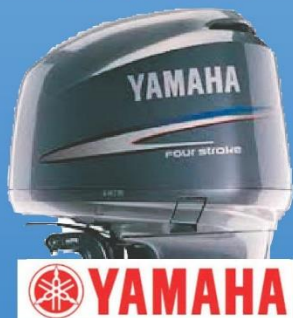
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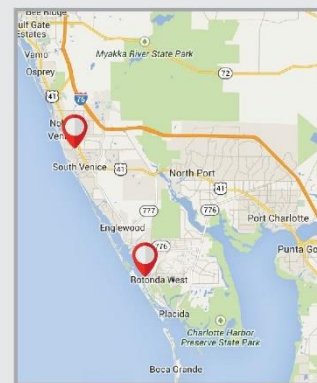


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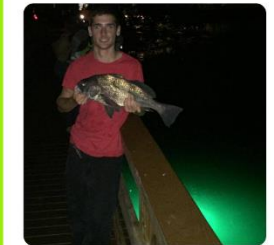
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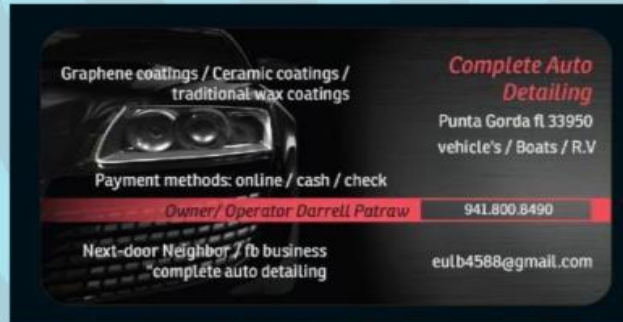
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## MEMBER CATCHES FOR

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**NOTABLE CATCHES**



MARC BOECKL  
(LEFT) 14" PERMIT  
ALONG WITH LANE  
SNAPPER & RED  
GROUPE SAME DAY

NICE  
CATCHING

BILL NEFF  
(RIGHT)  
POSING WITH  
ONE OF HIS 4  
SEATROUT  
OVER 19"  
SAME DAY



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## **APRIL**

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**JEFF  
BARNHART  
SPANISH  
MACKEREL**

**STILL  
TOOTHY  
SPANISH  
TO BE  
CAUGHT,  
GO  
GET'EM**



**MARC BOECKL – IT'S A BLACKFIN 34  
NICE CATCH FOR SURE**

# **PUNTA GORDA ISLES FISHING CLUB**

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## **APRIL**

### **APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES**



**IT'S A 25" GATOR TROUT FOLKS, BY BOB BRETTS**



**ELAINE BRETTS 22" TROUT  
ABOVE GETS A BIG SMILE !!!**

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## **APRIL**

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**JACK HOWARTH  
(BELOW) 22"  
VERY NICE SEATROUT**



**JONATHAN LANDON, HOLDING  
THAT 19" SEATROUT OUT THERE**



**FRED DE MELLA HOLDING  
HIS NICE 20" MANGROVE**

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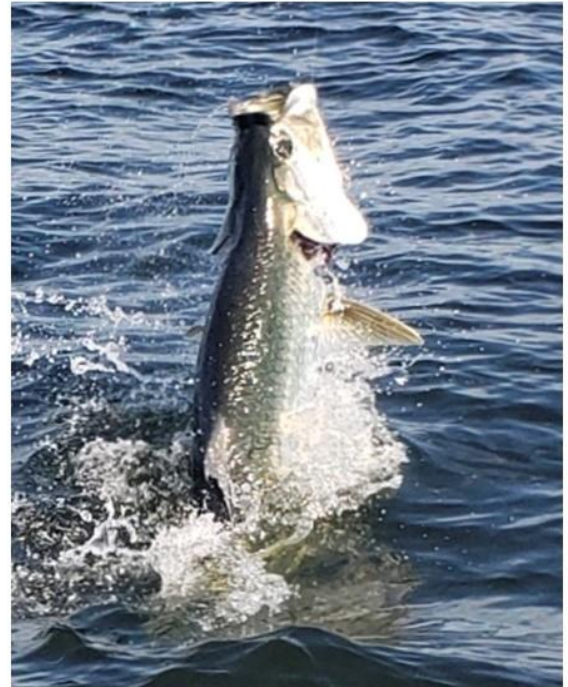
### **APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES**



**TRACEY LANDON  
WITH HER 16"  
SPOTTED SEATROUT**

**AWESOME  
CAPTURE OF  
RICK  
SARKISIAN'S  
60"+ SILVER  
KING  
ONE FINE  
MAJESTIC  
GAMEFISH  
GREAT  
HOOKUP RICK,  
CONGRATS**

**FUN CATCHES**



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THAT'S BOBBY BRETT'S 31" RED GROUPER

CARL  
LEICHER  
HOLDING  
HIS 45"  
COBIA UP  
HIGH

2 NICE  
CATCHES  
TO BE  
PROUD  
OF FOR  
SURE



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## **APRIL**

### **APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES**



**JOE UDWARI HAD A FUN DAY WITH HIS 25", 28" & 29" RED GROUPERS**

**RON TOPPER (BELOW) HOLDING HIS NICE 25" RED GROUPER**



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**LOOK  
CLOSELY  
RON  
TOPPER'S  
DOUBLE  
CATCH ON A  
SINGLE  
HOOK, IT'S  
WHAT  
HAPPENS ON  
OCCASION**



**THAT'S JOE UDWARI (ABOVE)  
HIDING BEHIND HIS 39" AMBERJACK,  
NICE CATCHING JOE !!!**

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## MEMBER CATCHES FOR

## APRIL

### APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES

HERE'S OUR SHARK PAGE



TOP LEFT – JOE UDWARI'S 40"+

BRING THEM  
TO THE BOAT

THEN CENTER IS  
JEFF BARNHART'S  
6 FOOT SPINNER



DICK CONANT'S 72" SHARK

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**FRED BENSON (ABOVE)**  
**21" SPANISH MACK**



**LARRY KISSNER'S**  
**JACK CREVALLE**



**DIANNE BUKOWSKI'S**  
**22.5" SHEEPSHEAD**

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**RICH WILLINGMYRE WITH HIS 24" REDFISH & HIS 34.5" COBIA – GREAT CATCHING RICH**

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## **APRIL**

**APRIL 2021**

**NOTABLE CATCHES**

**RICK SARKISIAN WITH  
ANOTHER 6' TARPON  
SHOWN BELOW**



**THAT'S JAN HOLM  
RESTING WITH  
HER 35" COBIA**



**RICK BROWN'S 22.5" SNOOK**

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## **APRIL**

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**NOTABLE CATCHES**



**HERE'S JOANELL DYRSTAD  
WITH HER 21.5" SPANISH MACK**



**JOE UDWARI WITH HIS  
29.5" GAG GROUPEr,  
NICE CATCHING FOR SURE**

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## **MEMBER CATCHES FOR**

## **APRIL**

### **APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES**

**DONNA SULLIVAN**  
**19" SEATROUT**



**RICK SARKISIAN 6'+ TARPON**  
**(RICK'S BEEN CATCHING**  
**MULTIPLE SILVER KINGS)**

**ONE OF JUDE PANETTA'S**  
**MULTIPLE 18+" SEATROUT**



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## **MEMBER CATCHES FOR**

## **APRIL**

### **APRIL 2021 NOTABLE CATCHES**

**JOE UDWARI WITH  
A NICE 29" RED GROUPER**



**RICHY KALE SWITCHED OVER TO  
SEATROUT, HERE'S A NICE 23"**